

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

PRESTWICK COURT TRUST, et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:15-CV-258 JCM (VCF)

ORDER

Presently before the court is plaintiff Guild Mortgage Company's motion for summary judgment. (Doc. # 14). Defendant Prestwick Court Trust filed a response, (doc. # 21), and plaintiff filed a reply. (Doc. # 22). Also before the court is plaintiff's second motion for summary judgment. (Doc. #32). Defendant filed a response. (Doc. #36). Also before the court is defendant's counter motion for summary judgment. (Doc. #35). Plaintiff's response is due on March 25, 2016.

Plaintiff seeks summary judgment on the grounds that Nevada Revised Statute 116.3116 is facially unconstitutional. (Docs. #14, 32). A party that files a motion calling into question the constitutionality of a state statute must promptly "file a notice of constitutional question stating the question and identifying the paper that raises it, if . . . the parties do not include the state, one of its agencies, or one of its officers or employees in an official capacity" Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1(a)(1)(B).

The party must serve the notice on the state attorney general "by certified or registered mail or by sending it to an electronic address designated by the attorney general for this purpose." Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1(a)(2). Plaintiff has provided no proof of compliance with this rule.

Rule 5.1 also requires the court to "certify to the appropriate attorney general that a statute has been questioned" under 28 U.S.C. § 2403. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1(b). This statute states that the

1 court "shall permit the State to intervene for presentation of evidence, if evidence is otherwise
2 admissible in the case, and for argument on the question of constitutionality." 28 U.S.C. § 2403(b).

3 In light of the foregoing rule and statute, the court will deny the parties' motions for
4 summary judgment without prejudice to allow plaintiff and the court to comply and the attorney
5 general to intervene. The parties may renew their motions after the attorney general has been
6 afforded time to respond and upon showing compliance with the notice requirement of Rule 5.1(a).

7 Accordingly,

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that plaintiff's motions for
9 summary judgment (docs. #14, 32), be, and the same hereby are, DENIED without prejudice.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant's motion for summary judgment (doc. #35),
11 be and the same hereby is, DENIED without prejudice.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff shall provide notice to the Nevada attorney
13 general in compliance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.1, and include proof of such notice
14 upon filing any further motions raising constitutional challenges.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this court certifies to the Nevada attorney general that it
16 may rule on the constitutionality of the state statute at issue in this case, NRS 116.3116. The
17 attorney general shall have thirty (30) days within which to intervene on behalf of the state of
18 Nevada for presentation of argument on the question of the constitutionality of the statute.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of court shall send a copy of this order by
20 certified mail to the Nevada attorney general.

21 DATED March 16, 2016.

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23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE